| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
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| | *Welfare of Minorities* | 55.53 | 2.19 | 3.92 |
| | 1. Pre-examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria | | | |

**Atrocities Against Women in Rajasthan**

2847. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent study report of the Akhil Bharatiya Janawadi Mahila Samiti about sharp increase in cases of atrocities against women in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

**Rehabilitation and Training of Scavenger Families**

2848. SHRIMATI BASANTI SAR MA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUS TICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scavenger families identified in all the districts of the country and the details of schemes and programmes formulated by Government for their rehabilitation and training;

(b) the details of Central assistance provided by Government during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) what is Central Government's policy in the said matter; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) 5,77,228 scavenger families have been identified so far in the country. National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers was launched in March,. 1992. MSin components of this scheme are:—

1. Time bound programme for identification of scavengers and thoir dependents and their aptitude for alternative trade through a survey.
2. Training in identified trades for scavengers and their dependents at the nearest local training institutions/centres of various departments of State Governments, Central Government and other semi-Government and non-Government organisations.
3. Rehabilitation of scavengers in van-oustradesandoccupationsby providing subsidy, margin money loan and bank loan.

(b) During 1997-98 (tirst year of Ninth five Year Plan) Rs. 90.00 Crores was provided as Central Assistance.

(c) Central Government's policy in the matter is to completely eradicate thepractice of manual scavenging by the end of the IXth Five Year Plan.

(d) The Government has incorporated a National Safai Karamcharies Finance and Development Corporation to assist scavengers alongwith Safai Karamchasies by providing loan assistance at concessional rate to take up projects as per lending guidelines of this Corporation. Besides, as referred to in reply to part (a), a National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of scavengers is also in operation since March, 1992. The Government have also set up a Statutory National Commission for Safair Karamcharies.